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SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Sir, will the Government be pleased to print the tickets in such a way so that a layman can understand wherefrom he is going and to which place he is going?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : If it is a suggestion, it will be forwarded to the Transport Advisory Committee. If it is asking for information, I say, ' No '.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Government post during peak hours two conductors in the bus even though there are stand conductors in certain places and not at all places?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I think the hon. Member is a member of the Transport Advisory Committee. He may forward this suggestion to that committee.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : May I know, Sir, what the seating capacity of the bus is, and also how many standing passengers are allowed on an average during peak hours?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : There are different types of buses. Ordinarily there are forty-four seats. The number of people who may be allowed as standing passengers will be 15 to 20.

Provident Fund Scheme

* 190 Q.—SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the peons in Aided Schools are eligible to join the Provident Fund Scheme?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, Sir.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : May I know, Sir, when this was introduced?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : This is in existence for a very long time, and I tried to verify whether anybody had joined the Provident Fund Scheme. There are cases where the peons had joined the Provident Fund Scheme.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Sir, will this be extended to permanent watchmen who serve more or less like peons?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : No, Sir. The persons, expenditure on whom is taken into account for grant purposes, are allowed to contribute.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Sir, is there any proposal, even though the persons had not put in ten years' service, to give them permission to contribute?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, the rules will be followed. I do not think there is any case for relaxing the rules.